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BETTER NEWS FROM FOREST FIRE SECTION

Rainfall at Many Places Has Aided the Fighters in Checking Flames

MANY NEW FATALITIES

Number of Dead Now Estimated at From 300 to 900—Rainfall and Snow Aid the Fire Fighters But Not Enough to Give Them the Control—Hundreds Are Still Missing and Some Forest Officials Think These Will Number 1,000—Two Inches of Snow in Montana.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Spokane, Wash., Aug. 24—While new fatalities add to the horror of the forest fires, in which the dead are now estimated at from 300 to 900, the first hopeful news that has reached here—in seventy-two hours came out of the furnace-like districts today. The army of fire fighters in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon have been given help by a rainfall that at many places has checked the spread of the flames. Snow has also aided the weary foresters who have been waging a fight that looked almost hopeless.

This temporary blessing, while not causing the belief that the fires are anywhere near under control, has given a chance to the troops and forestry forces to weld strong lines against a further advance of the flames. Prayers that the rain may continue are going up in the four states.

Hundreds are still missing. Some forestry officials fear that to total number of these is 1,000. A great part of the work is now given up to the rescue of the living.

Besides the forest rangers and their special helpers, the missing include United States troopers, four members of the 25th infantry, colored, stationed in and about Wallace, being reported among those for whom hope has been almost abandoned.

The situation in western Montana was relieved last night by two inches of wet snow which fell along the route of the Great Northern Railway through the Rockies, east of Culbuck, Mont., but this was only in a very small section compared with that in which the fires hold full sway.

A party of sixteen refugees from Burge Idaho, arrived in Spokane early today and applied to the police for shelter. They were homesteaders in the timber tracts and the story told by them regarding the seats of flames which destroyed their savings of years beggared description. Five of the party saved their lives by immersing themselves in a small lake battling with the flames. Four men at Burke were killed by the falling timber and probably treble this number perished in the flames. It is admitted by all that for months to come charred remains of victims will be picked up in every section of the reserve.

One of the most dreadful sights possible is presented in the hospital at Wallace, Idaho, where many of the most serious cases are being attended. In one ward, lighted only by the faint glow of a kerosene lamp, lie sixteen victims. Almost every one of the men will lose his eyesight. Many of them will lose hands and arms, and some will probably never recover.

The dim glow of the lamp serves only to accentuate the ghastliness of the scene. The sun is hidden by smoke and lights are necessary all day. Every face is swathed in bandages, openings being left only for breathing. Every man lies still as death, while bandaged arms are raised as if in heart-rending prayer to the Almighty for mercy and compassion. For three days the doctors have worked, worked until outraged nature refused to work longer. They slept last night in turns, an hour or two each and with their clothes on. And all the time the endless string of patients came, with bandaged eyes and arms in the air.

It is impossible to honor these men too much. There has been no question of expense, no question of time.



Congressman W. I. Smith, of Iowa, who is said to be favored by President Taft to succeed Speaker Cannon. It has been no secret that the president has been out to side-track Mr. Cannon for over a year. On several occasions he has been asked what republican would make the best speaker of the house in the event of "Uncle Joe" being crowded out. The president, it is reported, has invariably replied that Congressman Smith would make an ideal presiding officer. Up to now Congressman Smith's record is one of energetic accomplishment.

EX-SENATOR CALL OF FLORIDA DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, Aug. 24—Former United States Senator Wilkinson Call of Florida, died here this morning in the Emergency Hospital.

Mr. Call was stricken with apoplexy at his home Saturday afternoon after eating luncheon. He was taken to the hospital where he died without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Lucy Call, a daughter, who is an actress, and who was spending the summer at a resort in West Virginia, arrived in Washington Sunday night.

Mr. Call was born at Russellville, Ky., January 9, 1834. He had been engaged in the practice of law most of his life. He was elected to the senate directly after the civil war, but was not allowed to take his seat. He was again elected to the senate as a democrat to succeed Simon B. Conover, republican, and took his seat March 15, 1879, serving for eighteen years. After March 4, 1897, he resumed the practice of law in Jacksonville.

FRANKLIN COURT.

Superior Court in Session—Judge Peebles Presiding—Pink Page Will Be Tried Today or Tomorrow—Meekins Makes Usual Republican Speech.

(Special to The Times.)
 Louisville, Aug. 24—Franklin superior court convened here on Monday. Judge R. B. Peebles presiding, Solicitor C. C. Daniels, and Lawyers B. F. Taylor, of Spring Hope, Hon. E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, are here. The judge gave a good charge to the grand jury and urged the punishment of all violators of law and emphasized the prohibition law, citing a case where a seller of whiskey was arraigned and as the justice and none of the lawyers knew the prohibition law, the criminal was set free.

The court is for one week only for criminal cases, one capital case vs. Pink Page, for murder in Harris township, will be tried for manslaughter on Wednesday or Thursday.

Today, J. M. Meekins, made a speech on the usual republican line, he did not criticize democratic option.

Thirteen Hurt in Wreck.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Euclaire, Wis., Aug. 24—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway's mixed train on the Mondovi division, between Ossea and Strum, was wrecked last night. Thirteen injured persons were taken to Strum. Three physicians have been sent from Euclaire on a special car attached to the wrecking train.

Priest Beaten by Strikers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 24—Father Pokarnis, a Polish priest, of Taylor, was attacked and severely beaten early today by striking mine workers at Old Forge. He was returning from a sick call and was mistaken for a strike breaker.

THE NEW YORK ROW

The Colonel and Sherman in Fighting Trim

The Ex-President Is Determined to Exterminate the Vice-President and the Vice-President Is Determined Not to Be Exterminated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 24—This is the battleground of the day in the fight between Vice-President Sherman and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. The ex-president is determined to exterminate the vice-president so far as his political fortunes go, if he can accomplish it. The vice-president is determined to hold his ground. The issue is clear cut. Roosevelt is bitter because of the vice-president's alignment with the Woodruff-Barnes-Wadsworth combination in preventing the naming of the ex-president for the temporary chairmanship of the state convention. Sherman is angry because Roosevelt came out yesterday in his speech before the Onondaga county Grangers for Senator Davenport's candidacy for renomination.

Sherman is strongly opposed to Davenport, who is an ardent supporter of the Hughes policies. Roosevelt wants Davenport to get the nomination, primarily, because he is an anti-machine man and also because his candidacy would so sorely displease Sherman.

So today these two political gladiators are arrayed against each other but one county will not hold them. Roosevelt is just over the line in Herkimer county, at the old homestead of his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, resting up for his start for the west tonight, while Sherman is in Utica.

The vice-president had a sudden engagement to go out of town yesterday just about the time Roosevelt arrived. He recalled that he had an engagement to go to Watertown to help launch a new banking institution.

Curiously enough, after Roosevelt had gone to Herkimer last night, Vice-President Sherman came back to Utica. He had nothing whatever to say as to the Taft letter, Roosevelt's visit or anything else.

Colonel Roosevelt could not be induced this morning to make any further comment on Sherman, but he showed by his manner that he is full of fight and that there will be no let up on the vice-president. It is apparently Roosevelt's ambition to get all the sweet revenge he possibly can.

John A. Dix, chairman of the state democratic committee, was an optimistic visitor in town last night. Dix has been making the rounds of the up-state cities and he wanted to see how the crowds here received Roosevelt. Dix surrounded himself at the Baggs Hotel with a throng of democrats. He predicted that the row kicked up by Roosevelt and Sherman in the republican party in the state will have the effect of splitting the ranks so wide that the democrats will have things their own way this fall. He is sure a democratic governor will be elected. A change in the running schedule of Colonel Roosevelt's special train will make it possible for him to accept an invitation to take breakfast tomorrow morning at the Elliott Club in Buffalo. The train will leave Utica at midnight and reach Buffalo at 6:30 in the morning. The colonel will have breakfast at the club and resume his trip out of Buffalo at 8 o'clock.

No Compromise.

New York, Aug. 24—"There will be no compromise," Theodore Roosevelt's words, uttered as he left New York yesterday, have been taken up by the state bosses in defying President Taft and the ex-president in the fight to control the New York republicans and it is clear that a fight to a finish is on.

William Barnes, Jr., boss of Albany, having picked up the gauntlet thrown down by Roosevelt, today began planning the details of the struggle which will reach its climax with the opening of the state convention on September 27th. In the opinion of politicians, not only is Vice-President Sherman at odds with the president and Mr. Roosevelt, but Mr. Taft has given strong support to the insurgents and the Roosevelt forces by his letter to the republican campaign managers urging revision of the tariff. This is regarded as finally and definitely allying the administration, save the vice-president, with the opponents of the old guard.

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David Rankin, Jr., recently died, who a month before his demise devoted his entire fortune of \$3,000,000 to endow a trade school in his home city of St. Louis. For the last month of his life he kept for himself just sufficient money to yield him \$250 income for the month. He was a bachelor philanthropist and had the highest regard for the workingman. The school he endowed will bear his name. His favorite axiom was: "A useful life is made of toil." He always encouraged young men in the calling of plumber, cabinet maker, glazier, iron moulder, shoemaker and the laboring pursuits.

THE UNION SHED WRECK

Corporation Commission Resumes Investigation

A Night Switchman Would Have Prevented the Collision at Union Station—One Lock Was Gone—A Number of Witnesses Examined By the Commission Today.

The Corporation Commission this morning resumed its investigation of cause of the wreck at union station on the night of August 13th in which two were killed and nearly a score injured. It was generally admitted this morning that the collision would have been avoided had a night switchman been on duty. While there were other contributing causes, the first and principal one was the absence of a switchman.

The corporation room was filled this morning when the commissioners resumed the hearing started Saturday, August 13th. The Southern was represented by Col. W. B. Rodman and Mr. Henry W. Miller, while Mr. Murray Allen and Mr. W. L. Stanley represented the Seaboard. The following witnesses were examined: C. F. Vaden, engineer of Seaboard train No. 84; W. B. Tighman, conductor on No. 84; R. N. Watson, engineer on the excursion; C. N. Oakley, conductor on the excursion; L. C. Jenkins, flagman on the excursion; E. N. Bunck, station master, and Superintendent Gore, of the second division of the Seaboard Air Line.

Engineer Vaden testified that he came into the shed at a speed of about eight miles per hour, and had his train under usual control. He said he knew that the Seaboard was using the Southern track No. 2, and when he saw that it was occupied by a train he naturally supposed the switch was opened for him to go in on the Seaboard track, and not until he was too close to stop did he see that the switch was open for him to go into the excursion train. He said his headlight was in good condition, and with a straight track and an electric headlight a switch can be seen several hundred yards.

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Hoke Smith Nominated

Lon Livingston Left at Home As Result of Election

Georgia Reverses Herself and Again Sends Hoke Smith to the Governor's Chair—Lon Livingston, One of the Cannon Democrats, Retired.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24—Progressive democracy swept the state in Georgia's primaries of yesterday, placing in nomination for the governorship Hoke Smith, formerly secretary of the interior in President Cleveland's second cabinet and defeating Governor Joseph M. Brown, who had defeated Mr. Smith two years ago for the executive honors.

Thomas S. Felder is leading this morning in the race for attorney general against the incumbent, Hewlette Hall. O. B. Stevens and Joseph F. Gray lead for the two state railroad commissionerships.

P. M. Hawes has delegated W. J. Speer, state treasurer for that office and M. L. Brittain will be re-elected school commissioner. Thomas G. Hudson succeeds himself for commissioner of agriculture. Other state officials were unopposed.

In the congressional race L. F. Livingston has been retired in favor of William Schley Howard after a most bitter campaign. Livingston has been in the house twenty years.

Congressmen Howard and Hardwick will remain in the national house from the eighth and tenth districts. Congressman Charles Bassett, sixth, Charles Edwards, first, Thomas Bell, ninth, and Gordon Lee in the seventh, were all renominated.

Hoke Smith's majority over Governor Brown in the democratic convention will be twenty-five. His popular majority is estimated at 19 o'clock this morning at about 25,000.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST ROADS.

Commission Merchant Files Complaint Against Express Company.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, Aug. 24—Asking for protection and relief from unfair and discriminatory rates, J. A. Roseborough, a commission merchant of Batesville, Ark., today filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Pacific Express Company, charging that the defendant makes no distinction in rates on dressed and live chickens. The complainant specifies shipments from Batesville to St. Louis and to Memphis.

W. E. Caldwell Company, wooden tank manufacturers, of Louisville, Ky., also filed a complaint, with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, and the Chicago & North-western Railroad. The complainant names a shipment of wooden tanks from Louisville to Shawano, Wis., on which it was required to pay an excessive rate. Reparation is asked for.

MORE COMPLAINTS.

Paper Company Says Railroads Make Overcharges.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, Aug. 24—Citing thirty cases of overcharges on the shipment of paper in carload lots, the Graham Paper Company of St. Louis, Mo., today filed complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Chicago & North-western and Wabash Railroads. It is claimed that the overcharges amounted to 3 and 4 cents a hundred pounds. Reparation is demanded.

A complaint was also filed by the Hydraulic Press Brick Company of St. Louis, against the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad in which the latter is charged with exacting unreasonable and illegal freight rates on the shipment of enamel pressed bricks in carload lots from St. Louis to Chicago. The complainant asks for reparation.

Taft Will Press Button.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Cincinnati, O., Aug. 24—Announcement was made today that President Taft will press an electric button at Beverly, Mass., next Monday morning, officially opening the Ohio valley exposition in this city.

Million Dollar Fire.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 24—The Rutland Transit Company's elevator heur was burned today with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Grahame White Coming.

London, Aug. 24—Grahame White, the English aviator, left today for Boston on the liner Cymric, to compete in the aviation meet in Massachusetts.



A. E. Stillwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway, who has just written a book entitled "Confidence or National Suicide," in which he says that "Wall street wolves should be shot." Two or three enterprises in which Mr. Stillwell previously embarked needed cash and that cash was sought in Wall street. Later the "street" descended upon Mr. Stillwell and wiped him out. He came to the conclusion that he could create valuable property without Wall street. He had just finished building two-thirds of a sixteen-hundred-mile line with money not gathered in the street.

JUNIOR ORDER AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

(Special to The Times.)

Tarrymore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, N. C., Aug. 24—The State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics opened its annual session last night with a public welcome meeting at the Lumbina handsome pavilion. About 600 delegates are in attendance. The feature of the meeting last night was the splendid address of Senator Lee S. Overman. Subject, "Immigration dangers in relation to Junior Orders."

The first business meeting was held today at Tarrymore Hotel, headquarters of the convention state council. W. Ben Godwin presided. After the preliminaries much business was transacted. The council remains in session through Friday.

MARRIAGE GETS OUT.

Goes With Other Nearabouts to Honduras—Situation Quiet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, Aug. 24—Late news concerning the Nicaraguan situation was received at the state department. The first, in a dispatch from United States Consul Johnson at Corinto, states that ex-President Madrid and General's Irías, Ortíz, Vasquez, Chavarria and Toledo and seventy other officials and private persons sailed from Corinto for Amambá, Honduras on a Pacific Mail steamer Sunday night. The report adds that General Estrada ordered the release of 200 political prisoners from a prison on an island near Corinto that day. The situation at Corinto is reported as quiet.

The second is a despatch from United States Consul Olivares at Managua, announcing that General Estrada has issued a decree admitting certain necessities of life to Nicaragua free of duty for a period of six months, beginning September 1. These include beef, beans, rice, lard, sugar, flour, kerosene, naphtha or gasoline, candles, ordinary soap, tallow, sulphate of quinine, oils, pigmentary salts, acids and disinfectants.

Findings Investigated.

After a thorough investigation the committee made its findings which were sealed up and will not be opened until this evening, the members of the committee binding themselves not to reveal the results of their investigation except in the presence of the executive committee.

Thousands of people would like to know what that sealed package contains, but they have had to control their curiosity, but in a few more hours they will know and in the meantime they will have to content their minds with guesses.

What Will the Report Be?

The general opinion is that the committee will declare that neither Mr. Godwin nor Mr. Clark were nominated in accordance with the democratic plan of organization, which will necessitate another convention. If this should be the decision, doubtless a primary will be held all over the district and the nomination made by a popular vote. Congressman Godwin proposed to have the matter settled by a primary, but Mr. Clark declined, saying that he was the regular nominee and that he was willing for the executive committee to deal with the contest. Mr. Clark's friends believe that the special committee will declare their man the regular nominee, while Mr. Godwin's friends and some others believe that the report will

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THE MUDDLE IN THE SIXTH UP TONIGHT

Democratic Executive Committee Meets to Hear Report of Special Committee

FULL COMMITTEE HERE

Special Committee Appointed By Chairman Eller to Investigate Sixth District Muddle Will Report to Executive Committee This Evening—Report Is Sealed and Its Contents Will Not Be Known Until Tonight—Many Believe That the Committee Will Declare There Has Been No Nomination—Both Messrs. Godwin and Clark Will Abide By the Action of the Committee.

This evening at 8:30 o'clock, in pursuance to a call issued by Chairman A. H. Eller, the democratic state executive committee will meet in the senate chamber to hear the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the contest in the sixth congressional district. The report of this committee will be awaited with considerable interest by the people, not only of the sixth district, but all over the state.

The Contest.

When the congressional convention of the sixth district met at Wrightsville Beach, several weeks ago, the two leading candidates were Congressman H. L. Godwin, of Dunn, and O. L. Clark, of Clarston. The convention opened up with a display of feeling by the delegates, and certain rulings of the presiding officer brought forth protests from the anti-Godwin forces. The convention split, one nominating O. L. Clark and the other naming Congressman Godwin. Both men, with their supporters, claimed to be the regular nominees, and to get it untangled the matter was brought to the attention of the state executive committee.

Special Committee Appointed.

Chairman Eller appointed a special committee consisting of ex-Governor Thomas J. Jarvis, ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, ex-Judge A. C. Avery, ex-Congressman Theodore F. Klutz and former Lieutenant-Governor R. A. Doughton to investigate the affair and report to the executive committee.

This special committee, except Hon. R. A. Doughton, who was detained at home by important business, met at Wrightsville and examined a number of witnesses, among whom were the two contestants.

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